

The Honorable Barbara J. Rothstein

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

PARLER LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

AMAZON WEB SERVICES, INC.,

Defendant.

No. 21-cv-00031-BJR

[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING
AMAZON WEB SERVICES, INC.'S
MOTION TO SEAL

THIS MATTER is before the Court on the motion of Defendant Amazon Web Services, Inc. ("AWS") to seal portions of two declarations it has filed in support of its Opposition to Plaintiff Parler LLC's ("Parler") Motion for Temporary Restraining Order. The declarations are identified in the record as Amazon Executive 1 Decl. and Amazon Executive 2 Decl. The motion seeks to seal the employee's name, signature and job title and description in each declaration. Versions of each declaration, with this information redacted, have been filed publicly.

The Court has considered AWS's motion, as well as those concurrently filed documents and declarations in support of its TRO Opposition, and the files and pleadings in this matter.

In accordance with Local Civil Rule 5(g) and the applicable standard for overcoming the presumption of access in order to seal court records, the Court hereby finds as follows:

1. AWS and its employee-declarants have demonstrated a well-founded concern for the safety and security of their employees based on threatening and violent content, posted by

1 Parler users and others, in the wake of AWS's decision to suspend services to Parler. These
2 threats have included posts specifically targeting Amazon employees and facilities. Protecting
3 the safety and security of its employees, and preventing potential harassment, are compelling
4 interests sufficient to justify the limited sealing requested by AWS.

5 2. The proposed redactions, which are limited to information identifying the
6 employees, are narrow, and no more restrictive than necessary to protect the safety and security
7 interests identified above.

8 3. The public interest is not harmed by these limited redactions. The substance of
9 the declarations remains accessible. The public has no particular interest in the personal
10 identifying information of the declarants, and the redactions will not materially impact the
11 public's ability to understand the substance of the matter or the court's decision-making process.

12 Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that the Motion to Seal is GRANTED. The
13 following material shall be sealed:

- 14 1. The name, signature, job title and job description contained in the Amazon
15 Executive 1 Declaration; and
16 2. The name, signature, job title and job description contained in the Amazon
17 Executive 2 Declaration.

18 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

19 DATED this _____ day of January, 2021.

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21 By _____
22 Judge Barbara J. Rothstein
23 U.S. District Court, Western District of
24 Washington
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